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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC DM
SUBJ: W/W ARRESTS: CAROLYN CURTIS MANSON AND DEBORAH RUTH SICK

REF: COTONOU 1319 AND PRECEDING

1. CARYLYN CURTIS MANSON AND DEBORAH RUTH SICK RELEASED FROM PRISON ON AUGUST 13 AND CROSSED BORDER TO NIGERIA.
2. RELEASE SECURED WITH ACTIVE ASSISTANCE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL CHIEF ROGER PAQUI, WHO TELEPHONED INTERIOR MINISTER IN CONSUL'S PRESENCE. PRISONERS RELEASED FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER PHONE CALL. CONSUL REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY THEM TO BORDER, AND UPON RETURN TO COTONOU, CONSUL HAD TO ATTEST TO PRISONERS' DEPARTURE. THE BRITISH CITIZEN AND THREE FINNS ARRESTED WITH MANSON AND SICK RELEASED AT SAME TIME.
3. LAGOS: PRISONERS INSTRUCTED TO TOUCH BASE WITH RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE ASSURE THAT FINNISH EMBASSY AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER ADVISED THEIR CONSULS NO LONGER NEEDED IN COTONOU.
4. DEPARTMENT: PLEASE ADVISE MANSON AND SICK FAMILIES OF RELEASE. ALTHOUGH PRISONERS RELEASED, POST WOULD STILL LIKE TO SEE AMB

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BOYA CALLED IN AND TOLD THAT WE CONSIDER DETENTION OF INNOCENT TOURISTS FOR ELEVEN DAYS AS EXCESSIVE, AND THAT STREAMLINING OF PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR PRISONERS URGENTLY NEEDED. WE ALSO HOPE TO SEE DEPARTMENT AGAIN ISSUE ADVISORY URGING TOURISTS TO BYPASS BENIN. CREAGER

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